

The Humble
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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament Assembled,

P R E S E N T E D T O
H E R M A J E S T Y

On *Tuesday* the Seventeenth Day of *December*, 1706.

With Her MAJESTY's most Gracious
A N S W E R:

And what was said by His Grace the Duke
of *Marlborough* on that Occasion.

L O N D O N,

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I*t is Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England do give Order, that the Address of this House, in relation to the Settlement of the Titles and Honours of His Grace the Duke of Marlborough, and Her Majesty's Pleasure Signified by Her most Gracious Answer to the said Address, and what was said by His Grace the Duke of Marlborough on that Occasion, be forthwith Printed and Published.*

Math. Johnson,
Clerk Parliamentor

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the Address.



E Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, Having with much Satisfaction Considered the many great Actions which the Duke of *Marlborough* has Performed in Your Majesty's Service, to the Honour of His Country, and for the Good of the Common Cause of *Europe* (such Actions as the Wifest and Greatest People have Rewarded with Statues and Triumphs) are extremely Desirous to Express the just Sense We have of His Merit, in a peculiar and distinguishing manner, and in Order to Perpetuate the Memory thereof, to Settle and Continue His Titles and Honours, with His Right of Precedence in His Posterity, by Act of Parliament, as the Method most Effectual for that end, and best suiting so Great an Occasion: But yet having always a just Regard for the Prerogatives of the Crown (Your Majesty being the Sole Fountain of Honour) We thought it Our Duty, in the first place, to have Recourse to Your Majesty for Your Royal Allowance, before any Order given for Bringing in a Bill of such a Nature, and at the same time, to Desire Your Majesty would be Graciously Pleased to let the House know, in what manner it will be most Acceptable to Your Majesty, that the said Titles and Honours should be Limited.

Her MAJESTY's Pleasure signified by Her most Gracious Answer to the said Address, *Viz.*

A N N E R.

Nothing can be more Acceptable to Me than Your Address. I am entirely Satisfied with the Services of the Duke of Marlborough, and therefore cannot but be Pleased You have so just a Sense of them.

I must not Omit to take Notice, That the Respectful Manner of Your Proceeding in Desiring My Allowance for Bringing in the Bill, and My Direction for the Limitation of the Honours, does give Me great Satisfaction.

My Intention is, That after the Determination of the Estate which the Duke of Marlborough now has in His Titles and Honours, the same should be Limited to His Eldest Daughter, and the Heirs Male of Her Body, and then to all His other Daughters successively, according to their Priority of Birth, and the Heirs Male of their respective Bodies, and afterwards in such manner as may most Effectually Answer My Design and Yours in Perpetuating the Memory of His Merit, by Continuing, as far as may be done, His Titles and Name to all His Posterity.

I Think it would be proper, That the Honour and Manor of Woodstock, and the House of Bleinheim, should always go along with the Titles, and therefore I Recommend that Matter to Your Consideration.

Then the Duke of Marlborough, on this Occasion, was Pleased to say, as followeth :

My LORDS,

I Cannot find Words sufficient to Express the Sense I have of the Great and Distinguishing Honour which the House has been Pleased to do me in their Resolution, and their Application to Her Majesty. The Thoughts of it will be a Continual Satisfaction to me, and the Highest Encouragement; and the Thankful Memory of it must last as long as any Posterity of mine.

I beg leave to say a Word to the House in Relation to that Part of Her Majesty's Gracious Answer which concerns the Estate of Woodstock, and the House of Bleinheim; I did make my humble Request to the Queen, That those might go along with the Titles, and I make the like Request to Your Lordships, That after the Dutches of Marlborough's Death (upon whom they are Settled in Joynture) that Estate and House may be Limited to go always along with the Honour.

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